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In fact, it can be said that the movement as a whole was ill-conceived. Should we, the American public, allow and encourage this type of anti-patriotism?

Unfortunately, this isn't something that schools allow anymore. The American flag doesn't hang in classrooms today. We have completely shifted our culture into believing that the United States has not done us any good. Apparently, that means we are now allowed to publicly disrespect our own nation.

It would be nice, albeit untrue, to say that there is nothing wrong with this country. I would love to be able to say that we are not a nation built upon slavery, with systemic injustice and inequality, and that we give fair and equal opportunity to each and every citizen. The truth is, systemic injustice and oppression continues to exist here. However, that does not allow me to disrespect the country I have been born into and the land that has provided me with freedoms that I sometimes forget to appreciate.

There is a difference between protesting peacefully and causing civic upheaval. After all, it is what Dr. King spent his entire adult life fighting to change. We can make change peacefully without disrespecting the only country that continually fights to protect our freedom.



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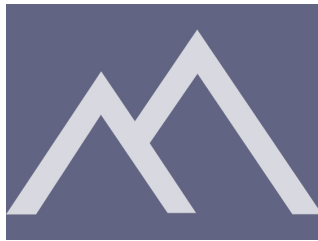
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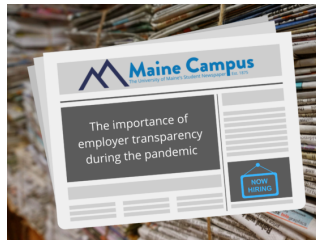
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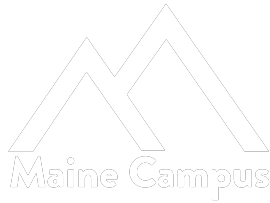
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